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COMEDIAN NICKY SUNSHINE ANNOUNCES RUN OF HER ONE WOMAN SHOW: CONFESSIONS OF A MASSAGE PARLOR MADAM



NEW YORK, NY - Stand up comedian, actress, writer and producer **Nicky Sunshine** has announced a run of **Confessions of a Massage Parlor Madam** that will begin showing this February in celebration of Black History Month. The one woman show, which was first

performed by Sunshine in 2016 at First Corinthian Baptist Church's Dream Center in Harlem, will play exclusively at the <u>Wow Cafe Theatre</u> (59-61 East 4th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10003) on February 9 and again from February 22-24. <u>Tickets for all four dates are available now</u>.

Confessions of a Massage Parlor Madam is based on Sunshine's initial aspirations as an actress and how rejection and low self-esteem led her down a path of sex work and addiction.

"My past made me feel unworthy and ashamed," Sunshine said. "Telling my story meant stepping out of the shadows of secrets and lies and embracing my personal truth. Standing in the light of who you are is empowering and I wanted to share that with others."

The timing of the show's run is particularly poignant in light of the **#MeToo** movement and the horrifying allegations against singer **R. Kelly**. "The revelations concerning R. Kelly are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to discussing trauma and abuse of vulnerable young people in our communities," Sunshine said. "Sex trafficking, sex work, sexual assault and exploitation occur everyday and it needs to be addressed and remedied. The MeToo conversation must be widened to include a multitude of issues, stories, and voices."

Confessions of a Massage Parlor Madam is just one of those stories. Although the show shines a light on the dark underbelly of sex work, Sunshine also hopes the show will educate her audience on sex work and what both women and men in this industry experience.

"Ultimately, I hope people see the show and are inspired to never give up on their hopes and dreams," said Sunshine.

Proceeds from the events will support WOW Cafe Theater and its ongoing work with neighborhood youth and arts programs. Tickets to each show are \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.

Tickets to Confessions of a Massage Parlor Madam:

https://nickysunshine.com/2019/01/03/wow-cafe-theater-presents-nicky-sunshine-for-black-history-month/

Nicky Sunshine's website:

http://www.wowcafe.org/event/confessions-of-a-massage-parlor-madam-2/

WOW Café Theatre:

http://www.wowcafe.org/

Hi-res images:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1AW95FM5tsnoIW0gmu3zbR1rejBzPu97y

ABOUT NICKY SUNSHINE

Nicky Sunshine is an actress, stand up comic, producer, improv artist, and writer. Her unique presentation of characters won her an honorable mention in "NBC's Stand Up for Diversity" competition and Stand Up New York's "Music is a Joke" series. She enjoys mimicking accents and dialects. Nicky speaks Spanish and German.

Ms. Sunshine's self written one woman show *Confessions of a Massage Parlor Madam* has sold out 8 times at The National Black Theatre and Broadway Comedy Club. Box office proceeds have been donated to NUEA East (Northwestern's Entertainment Arts Alliance) and CAASE Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation.

Nicky Sunshine has performed in numerous off Broadway productions including *The Vagina Monologues* at New World Stages, *Yo Soy Latina*, and *Platanos and Collard Greens*. She has starred in and produced countless comedy shows at venues like Carolines, Stand Up NY, Greenwich Village Comedy Club, Eastville Comedy Club, Funnybone, and Broadway Comedy Club. She was also showcased on Nick Cannon's *Fresh Faces at Gotham Comedy Club*.

As a voiceover artist she has recorded numerous commercial ads for JC Penny, Google, Target, and Facebook. Nicky is also the co creator of the foodie web series, "Let's Get Greedy" which has achieved over a half million views on YouTube. The show also airs on "Manhattan Neighborhood Network" in NYC.

Ms. Sunshine has been a professional improv artist/actress with a security clearance for 15 years. Her skills have been utilized by the US government to train managers in national security and scientists at the National Institute of Health.

Nicky made her reality show debut in 2017 on FYI Network's "A Question of Love" with fiancé Jamie Roberts who is also a comic. In 2019 Ms. Sunshine plays a lead role in the Tim Hines directed film "Charlie Boy" with Kelly LeBrock, Burt Young, and Greg Kritikos.